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VOICE MAIL

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

By way of a separate letter submitted herewith, Applicant proposes to amend Figure 4, as indicated in red on the attached sheet. With the Examiner's approval, this change will be incorporated into the formal drawings in due course.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows. The changes to the specification are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

A1
Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-8, to read as follows:

The present invention relates to a voice mail apparatus and a method of processing voice mail, which may be usable in exchanging, within a computer network, information by voice message or document with voice message attachment.

A2
Please amend the paragraph on page 3, lines 10-16, to read as follows:

The line interface 24 interconnects the voice mail apparatus 20 and a private branch exchange 30 (see Figure 2). The E-mail transmitter 22 transmits E-mail to an E-mail server 10 (see Figure 2). The memory 23 stores voice mails and the sender number identifier 26 identifies a sender number attached to each received voice mail. The table 25 stores E-mail addresses against sender numbers.

A3
Please amend the paragraph on page 5, lines 21-28, to read as follow:

If the interrogation in step 104 results in negative or the interrogation in step 105 results in negative, the control routine proceeds to step 106. This is the case where the table 25 does not contain the sender number A2 of the E-mail address B2 corresponding to the sender number A2. In this case, the voice mail apparatus 20 sends to the telephone set 61 a voice announcement that reply by E-mail is impossible (step 106) before the control routine comes to an end.

A4
Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 3-7, to read as follows:

The control routine repeats this determination in step 107 unless the memory 23 has stored the operator voice reply message. If, in step 107, it is